

MR. MANJE GOWDA (Mudgere Taluk).—

Q.—48. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

- (a) the number of criminal cases instituted during 1938-39 in the Special First Class Magistrate's Court, Chikmagalur;
- (b) how many of these are Government cases;
- (c) how many have been disposed of;
- (d) the balance of pendency;
- (e) the number of adjournments granted in respect of the undisposed of cases?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LAW DEPARTMENT (Mr. H. V. Narayana Rao).—

A.—48. (a) 426.

(b) 348.

(c) 422.

(d) 4.

(e) 53, 36, 35 and 29 respectively

MR. A. MIDDLETON (Special Interests).—

Q.—51. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

- (a) whether they contemplate any increase in taxation on land utilised for fruit cultivation especially oranges, once the trees are in full bearing;
- (b) whether they contemplate to levy any fees on bee-hives in the future;

[N.B.—Villagers state that Government are trying to encourage both the above so that they may impose taxes in future.]

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (*Rajasevaprakasha B. T. Kesavaiah*).—

A.—51. (a) and (b) The reply is in the negative.

MR. GOWDA ESWARAPPA of Dogganahal (Holalkere Taluk).—

Q.—53. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

why the avenue trees have not been handed over to the raiyats as yet even though this matter was moved in the meetings of this Assembly two or three times before?

THE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (Mr. C. E. Noronha).—

A.—53. Such of the trees, the rights over which have been conclusively established by the parties concerned, have been left in their possession.

MR. BASAPPA *alias* ROGAPPA (Harihar Sub-Taluk).—

Q.—54. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

- (a) the total indebtedness of the landholders in the State;
- (b) whether they have conducted any economic survey in this matter; if so, the details may be furnished districtwar;
- (c) whether any such survey was conducted in respect of the Chitaldrug District;
- (d) whether, if such a survey is undertaken, it would not facilitate the adoption of suitable measures to reduce the heavy indebtedness of the raiyats?